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force on the 1st April 1922. The rate was raised in the course of the general increase in stamp duties which was made with a view to removing part of the deficit in provincial revenues.

(*f*) The rate of duty was increased by an Act of the Legislature and not by executive orders.

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know whether the Government have considered the advisability of amending the Act in order to give effect to the resolution of the Bar Council?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" They have considered the question. At present circumstances do not permit this being done; when the financial condition of the Province improves, something will be attempted in that direction."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Is it not a fact that when this Legislature amended the Act, it was understood that the enhanced rate would be reduced at an early date?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" I am not aware of any such thing."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I know if the Hon. Member thinks that the financial condition of the applicants has improved?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" I think that is a question which the applicants should answer."

* 536—[Omitted.]

Proposal to hold an examination for selection of hands to the Judicial department.

* 537 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Services Commission intend to hold a new examination for recruitment of hands for the Judicial department; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the selections of 1931 and 1932 were made for this department also?

A.—(*a*) The Madras Services Commission will hold an examination for recruitment to ministerial posts in the courts in the mufassal and in the City of Madras except the High Court.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the candidates selected in 1931 and 1932 have been absorbed in the service?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—" No information, Sir."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the Hon. Member will call for the information?"

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The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" I do not think it will serve any useful purpose."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I ask if the Government propose to include the High Court services also and to have the selection for those services transferred to the Madras Services Commission?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" It cannot be done under the Statute; the Hon. the Chief Justice of the High Court has got the power to appoint his own officers."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Are the Government prepared to amend the Act to provide for the Madras Services Commission selecting candidates for the High Court?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" If the hon. Member reads the new Government of India Act, he will find the provision there."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether there is a likelihood of the persons already selected not being appointed at all, if examinations are held every year?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" That is just possible."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I ask whether it is the intention of the Government that their orders regarding communal representation ought not to be given effect to in the High Court?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" I know of no such thing."

Insufficiency of accommodation for the Sub-Court and District Court at Salem.

* 538 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the court-houses of the Sub-Court and the District Court at Salem are much cramped and that there is no sufficient seating arrangement in the court even for the lawyers, not to speak of the litigant public;

(*b*) whether there are any proposals for construction of new buildings or for extending the present ones; and

(*c*) if so, what they are and when they are to be accomplished?

A.—(*a*) The insufficiency of accommodation in the District Court and the Sub-Court at Salem has been brought to the notice of the Government; the Government have no information regarding the seating arrangements for the lawyers and the litigant public.

(*b*) & (*c*) A proposal for the construction of a combined court-house for the District Judge and the Sub-Judge at Salem, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,38,000, was considered in connexion with the Budget for 1934–35. As this scheme was costly, it has been decided that it should be postponed for the present.